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SUBJ: CHANGES TO BE MADE IN KRECZKO/HARTLEY MEMORANDUM
OFFEBRUARY3 REGARDING DRAFT DECLARATION ON ROLE OF MASS
MEDIA

1. PERM REP REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DG AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
PERSONS IN SECRETARIAT WITH SUBJECT DOCUMENT, MODIFIED IN
ACCORDANCE THIS INSTRUCTION. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT
THIS, MAINLY LEGAL ANALYSIS, WHICH COMPLEMENTS OUR AIDE-
MEMOIRE TO M'BOW, IS OFFERED IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND
COOPERATIVE SPIRIT AS AN INDEX TO OUR THINKING AND NOT AS
A FORMAL STATEMENT OF POLICY. AT PERM REP'S DISCRETION,
ANALYSIS SHOULD ALSO BE SHARED WITH OTHER PERM DELS.
IDEALLY, WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO CONSULT WITH THEM BEFORE
GOING TO THE SECRETARIAT IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS ON
GENERAL PRINCIPLES,BUT DEPT. BELIEVES THAT THE URGENCY
OF BRINGING THIS TO DG'S ATTENTION OUTWEIGHS OTHER
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CONSIDERATIONS.

2. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS
INDICATING DEPT. RESERVATIONS BUT RATHER JUDGMENT REGARDING
WHAT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR SECRETARIAT:

PAGES 1 AND 2: CHANGE TITLE TO READ "U.S. LEGAL ANALYSIS

OF DRAFT DECLARATION ON ROLE OF THE MASS MEDIA". DELETE ALL OF BACKGROUND SECTION.

PAGE 2: CHANGE "SUMMARY" TO "INTRODUCTION." IN FIRST SENTENCE OF INTRODUCTION DELETE "IN OUR VIEW". AT END OF FIRST PARAGRAPH ENDING "ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION", ADD THE FOLLOWING: "HOWEVER, DESPITE OUR FIRM OPPOSITION TO THE PRESENT TEXT, WE ARE WILLING TO HELP WORK TOWARD A CONSENSUS DRAFT. AT THE SAME TIME, IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT OUR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT DECLARATION OR NEGOTIATE ON IT DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE MIGHT END UP HAVING TO OPPOSE IT." IN SENTENCE AT BOTTOM OF PAGE DELETE "OMITS FORMULATION OF OUR APPROACH TO" AND SUBSTITUTE THE WORD "NEGLECTS".

PAGE 3: CHANGE PARA 2 TO READ: "FURTHER, THERE... QUESTION. IF THIS WERE ... CONTENTS."

PAGE 6 AND ELSEWHERE: WRITE OUT "PARA." IN "PARA 5 DELETE ALL OF FYI. IN "PARA 6-10" SUBSTITUTE "ARE UN-ACCEPTABLE" FOR "SHOULD BE CHALLENGED."

PAGE 8: DELETE SENTENCE BEGINNING "WE ARE ESPECIALLY..." IN MIDDLE OF PAGE AND ELSEWHERE IN DOCUMENT (E.G., PP. 9-17): CHANGE SINGULAR FOLLOWING "MEDIA" TO PLURAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORM. DELETE SENTENCE AT END OF ONLY COMPLETE PARA.

PAGE 10: ARTICLE I(3): REPLACE WITH FOLLOWING: "THIS ENTIRE PARAGRAPH IS UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE ITS THRUST IS BASICALLY NEGATIVE AND RESTRICTIVE." CHANGE FOLLOWING PARA TO READ "IN SUM, ARTICLE I SHOULD BE REDRAFTED TO REFLECT... A BETTER FORMULATION WOULD READ: " DELETE FOOTNOTE AT BOTTOM OF PAGE.

PAGE 12: DELETE PARA ENTITLED "NEW ARTICLE I (TERS)."

PAGES 13 AND 14: SUBSTITUTE WORD "COULD" FOR "SHOULD STRONGLY" IN MIDDLE OF FIRST PARA (PAGE 13) AND LAST PARA OF PAGE 14.

PAGE 16: REWRITE PARAGRAPH BEGINNING "HOWEVER" TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "ON THE OTHERHAND, THE UNITED STATES IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE CONCERN THAT WESTERN DOMINANCE OF THE MASS MEDIA MAY ALTER THE CULTURES OF THE WORLD AND WOULD, ACCORDINGLY, SUPPORT LANGUAGE WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES THE VALUE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WHICH SEEKS TO PRESERVE IT WITHOUT AUTHORIZING RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREE

FLOW OF INFORMATION. NEW LANGUAGE, SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING

(FORMULATED AS A NEW ARTICLE), WOULD BE PREFERABLE."

PAGE 17: IN PARA ON ARTICLE V, SECOND SENTENCE, CHANGE
"U.S. SHOULD" TO "U.S. COULD".

PAGE 17A: RE ARTICLE VI, DELETE WORDS "IS ACCEPTABLE,
BUT".

PAGE 18: RE ARTICLE VII, DELETE ALL OF PARENTHETICAL NOTE.

PAGE 20: AT TOP OF PAGE, SUBSTITUTE PERIOD FOR COLON
AFTER WORD "REPORT," CAPITALIZE START OF NEXT SENTENCE
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("THE") AND AFTER "PARTISAN" ADD FOLLOWING: "(E.G.
THE PHRASE "NEO-COLONIALISM")." CHANGE FIRST SENTENCE
OF SECOND PARA TO READ: "THE PARAGRAPH WOULD BE IMPROVED
IF IT READ AS FOLLOWS: "WHENEVER STATES, INSTITUTIONS OR
INDIVIDUALS CONSIDER THAT THE PUBLICATION OR DISSEMINATION
OF INFORMATION...". DELETE ENTIRE THIRD PARA BEGINNING
"IF THE ENUMERATION OF RACISM..."

PAGES 22 AND 23: DELETE EVERYTHING FOLLOWING PARA ON
ARTICLE X. VANCE

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